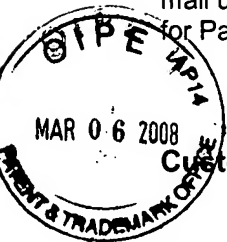


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1. I am a docketing clerk for the firm of Reed Smith LLP since July 2000, and have more than twenty years experience in the docketing and filing of documents pertaining to patent and trademark prosecution.
2. On November 9, 2007 the docketing department received an Abandonment Notice dated November 2, 2007 for failure to respond to the 371 formalities letter dated September 25, 2006.
3. Upon review of the abandonment notice and our file I noticed the serial number on the PTO-1390 (exhibit A) had a typographical error and listed the serial number as 10/553,891 instead of 10/553,892. The Extension of Time (exhibit B) and the Executed Declaration and Power of Attorneys (exhibit C) and the PTO/SB/21 transmittal (exhibit D) all had the correct serial number (10/553,892):

4. On December 26, 2006, upon reviewing the out going Missing Parts Response for serial number 10/553,892 I overlooked the incorrect serial number on form PTO-1390 before executing the mailing certificate.
5. I further declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 to Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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## **EXHIBIT A**